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Jobless rates down in 97 counties from July 2011 to July 2012

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EDITOR'S NOTE: July's preliminary and June's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/July12charts.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 23, 2012) — Unemployment rates fell in 97 Kentucky counties between July 2011 and July 2012, while 18 county rates increased and five stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.9 percent. It was followed by Fayette and Franklin counties, 6.6 percent each; Oldham and Union counties, 6.7 percent each; Scott and Shelby counties, 6.8 percent each; Hancock County, 6.9 percent; and Daviess, Jessamine, Madison and Owen counties, 7.1 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 16.7 percent. It was followed by Futon County, 15.4 percent; Harlan County, 14.6 percent; Jackson County, 14.4 percent; Leslie County, 14.3 percent; Bell County, 13.9 percent; Wolfe County, 13.7 percent; McCreary County, 13.6 percent; Letcher County, 13.5 percent; and Knott County, 13.3 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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